

Comments from Tacoma workshop

May 24, 2001

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Subject	Comment
Aesthetics	Shouldn't be concerned about people who don't like to look at boats.
Anchorage / moorage	DNR holds land in public trust—use for all lands and all people. Eagle Harbor has boats that have stayed there for years and some are not boats. No connection to land. Those residents want DNR to protect their way of life.
Anchorage / moorage	2. Concerned with “affordable housing” in Eagle Harbor for env. reasons. Potty buckets wash up on shore. They are not “regulated” and are not attached to land. Laws that apply to homeowners should apply to liveaboards.
Anchorage / moorage	3. Liveaboards in marinas open water open for boaters
Compliance / enforcement	How would you enforce it? (if we can't live there)
Compliance / enforcement	What aquatic lands does the state have control over?
Compliance / enforcement	2. Have rules on books for enviro. enforcement is the problem
Definitions	Boat is something that floats. Need holding tanks.
Definitions	Rule needs to be very clear on what it wants. Wants to protect public rights. Clear distinction on definitions of what is allowed.
Definitions	Use-def. RCWs; nothing about “boats”; Boats must be H ₂ O-dpt (water-dependant) whether lived in or not
Definitions	1. How to distinguish between liveaboards and non-liveaboards. All boaters should share env./ public use is imp./ navigation is key. How to do the “bed check” weekenders vs. full time
Definitions	Moorage is water-dependant public access—irrelevant how long someone stays on boat or who marinas rent to
Derelict vessels	If there will be restrictions, should go through marinas and remove derelict or nonfunctioning boats first.—Should disperse liveaboards throughout marinas for safety

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DNR staff	Thanks DNR and staff to make this effort. Is grateful for open approach. Would like DNR to “right the wrongs” of past
DNR staff	Feels bad publicity came from DNR but DNR feels no responsibility to lift bad publicity and do something about it.
Environmental policy	2. Stop bringing up items that don’t deserve comments (such as grey water) many items that do not apply to liveaboards specifically
Environmental protection	As to environmental protection—we all care-don’t single out liveaboards. Drainage pipes and commercial uses pollute more than liveaboards. Do not isolate liveaboards for environmental consideration.
Environmental protection	Do not consider grey water and bilge water in environmental concerns.
Environmental protection	Would like to see greatest freedom of uses within environmental parameters.
Environmental protection	Want right to live on boat, but also concerned about env. (environment)
Environmental protection	Areas to consider: migratory corridors; shellfish beds; special habitat
Environmental protection	Effluent from all liveaboards in state compared to sewage overflows is small.
Environmental protection	Liveaboards do not harm env. (environment)—99% are good custodians of waterways.
Environmental protection	Impacts from septic systems also should be looked at for shellfish. This process not appropriate for existing uses-apply to new uses. Do not look at existing permitted marinas, have been designated as appropriate esp with respect to environmental laws – EIS and SEPA
Environmental protection	3. We need to protect public resources beyond just land.
Environmental protection	Liveaboards/houseboats are very compatible –it’s not true that they are all over and environmentally detrimental. Should keep liveaboards.
Environmental protection	2. Liveaboards (99 %) do not endanger environment relative to other boaters. Would like to see proof of damage liveaboards do to environment.
General policy	Favors B.B. Isl. Anchorage/plan harbor
General policy	Want a simple rule

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General policy	4. All boats as liveaboard need to be registered
General policy	Private docks need to be included in this rule consideration.
General policy	Will all marinas in state be open to liveaboards?
General policy	Liveaboards are important for safety on and near marinas
General policy	State laws governing leases very old-all citizens own state aquatic lands access and public use-keep this precep strong. As long as liveaboards conform with existing regulations/laws they should be allowed. DNR should ensure lease conforms to existing laws. DNR is liable for laws
General policy	What is inside boat? 99% are built with intent to be lived on
General policy	Law already accom. (accommodates) liveaboards.
General policy	Relative – H ₂ O dept (water-dependant) rent/F.M. rent; max 10% intent is to promote public access
General policy	Liveaboards stop a lot of problems before they happen. Should encourage.
General policy	Troubled by some comments: 1. That government body regulates percentage or uses at a particular marina-interfering with private enterprise-should be marina operator.
General policy	3. Want privilege to live on their vessels without restrictions other rules apply
General policy	Spt. liveaboards in Foss waterway.—Need a good coop. stew. prog. In which liveaboards are a partner. DNR needs to have active land management.—Need to do active prop. mgt.
General policy	Questions address residential uses. These issues are common to all boaters. Need to work with other agencies.
Grandfathering	1. Existing floating homes need to be grandfathered
Grandfathering	Houseboats and boathouses existing permitted uses continue as grandfathered uses.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Anchoring in International waters—is that DNR jurisdiction?

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Jurisdiction / other agencies	State jurisdiction in navigable waterway
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Why don't we work closer with city to prevent privatization of public land?
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Coordinate effort. 1. Some studies need to be done—areas with problems cooperatively fixed.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Marina people working with city on West Bay drive (cooperative relationship)
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Navy and Coast Guard also live on their vessels. Who regulates them—why are citizens treated differently.
Leasing requirements	There should be a site by site evaluation for liveaboards
Leasing requirements	Should not be a site by site evaluation—allow unless proven otherwise in new areas
Marinas	Send tonight's info to all marinas
Marinas	When the marina says there are no liveaboards and there are some
Media	Media gives a bad impression of liveaboards. Is there a way to commun. (communicate) tonight's mess. (message) to media.
Non-residential uses	99% of RCWs have to do with commercial uses. Does public access only deal with commercial
Non-residential uses	Will commercial license put you in an exempt class? Commercial and private vessels should be under the same rules.
Number of residential uses	2. Number of liveaboards allowed done on percent basis. 3. At renewal-determine percent allowed (with environmental considerations)
Number of residential uses	No quotas-leave it to marina operators to determine %s (percentages).
Other	1. Want someone to find out where waterway problems come from. We are good community participants.
Public use and access	Why are condos being allowed when it reduces public access?
Rent	Upland value as basis of lease is too much to pay for leaseholders-owners of small marinas-inequitable for those with high value uplands.

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Rent	1. Feel getting taxed higher than average person 2. Boat has 30 amp service (less than residence) 3. Liveaboards pay more and are more frugal than upland residences.
Rent	No need to change rent formula
Sewage	Most liveaboards don't have waste disposal visible. Any discharge decertifies shellfish beds even if suspect. Need proof waste is properly disposed of.
Sewage	Houseboats should be near port areas (close to pumpouts)
Tradition / history	Encourage people to use waterfront-not condos-preserve maritime heritage.

Comments from Vancouver workshop

June 4, 2001

Subject	Comment
Aesthetics	Shoreline aesthetics should be considered along shoreline.
Aesthetics	Aesthetics is too intangible. Seattle vs. Vancouver.
Aesthetics	If the house is complying with rules of Marina it shouldn't matter what it looks like.
Compliance / enforcement	Remove boats moored without leases, or get lease.
Compliance / enforcement	Delegate enforcement of codes to marina owners or other local entity.
Compliance / enforcement	Enforce law/code that we have.
Definitions	Documented vessel with the state of Washington.
Definitions	Clear definition of what is a Marina, moorage, harbor, establish a standard
Definitions	If it has a boat, well it is a boathouse.

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Definitions	Follow guidelines from I.R.S. for residence.
Definitions	We should differentiate between liveaboards and houseboats. We should define residential use
Definitions	Clarify what residential is. Any vessel or houseboat that people live on is fine.
Definitions	Clarification on the number of days it takes to be a liveaboard...60 days?
Definitions	Define liveaboard vs. recreational use
DNR staff	Land Managers: High staff turnover Don't know history of marina. Cannot establish a relationship.
DNR staff	Stakeholder Group needed. DNR staff do not live on boats. How do they know the impacts of DNR regulations.
DNR staff	DNR needs to understand terminology in marinas. Marina inspectors trained in marina operations...like Oregon.
DNR staff	DNR staff approachable and knowledgeable about marine issues.
DNR staff	Stakeholder group: Local parties making decisions. Not DNR staff who do not live in the community.
DNR staff	DNR does a good job.
Environmental protection	Develop program to support lessee who wants to clean up waterway.
Environmental protection	Best Management Practices: Develop monitoring program; Inspector; Work with boatowners to educate what it takes to keep waters clean.
Environmental protection	Do not allow farm animals/cattle access to public waterway & control cattle "sewage" where recreational use is frequent!! (example: Lake River farms with unfenced access to the cattle).
Environmental protection	Maintain environmental standards in all public marinas
Environmental protection	See what the area can support. ie: size of slough. Environment needs to be protected.
Environmental protection	How do we clean up garbage, weeds and hazards in waterways – money needed.

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Environmental protection	Applying to existing environmental regulations.
Environmental protection	EPA and other rules are already in place. DNR need not add new environmental rules.
Environmental protection	What's doing environmental damage? Security is provided by liveaboards.
Environmental protection	Shouldn't matter what kind of structure of boat-as long as environmental and other laws are followed.
Environmental protection	More environmental problems from casual boaters rather than residents. (Beer cans)
Environmental protection	Each situation should be considered site by site. Based on how it effects environment and public access.
Garbage	Residential folks pick up trash on Caterpillar Island. Trash washes out into the river.
Garbage	Day users –Trash, etc.
Garbage	Require <u>garbage cans & public toilets</u> in private marinas where pay for fishing or boating access is available but toilets are not (more than ¼ mile?)
General policy	Issues across the state are not always the same as SW Washington. Puget Sound not the same as Columbia River.
General policy	Should be one standard for all. Private and public should be held to same standard.
General policy	Uniform code/rules and live by them for a long period of time. State has responsibility of being consistent.
General policy	Make comparisons with other states like Oregon.
General policy	Rules are in place now. Why do we need “new” rules.
General policy	Use should be based on the local conditions. Access to Public Use; Sewage; and impact on the environment. Design systems and determine capabilities
General policy	Some residential use should be allowed.

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General policy	With proper permitting with all regulatory agencies met. Use should be allowed.
General policy	Zoning is a good way to look at uses.
General policy	Liveaboards should be permitted. Added to security. Must meet yacht standards (cooking, holding tank) – Longview Yacht Club
General policy	Ask the right questions/which type of use is appropriate <u>not the type</u> -if it's to code and env ok, it's ok.
General policy	Encourage residential use of the waterway
General policy	Establish security for future liveaboard or residential uses on SOAL.
General policy	All residential use should be allowed as long as rules are followed.
General policy	Houseboats and liveaboards should all be allowed.
General policy	If it is legal it is ok.
General policy	People living on the water are good stewards and the DNR should support that use. Security for DNR issues.
General policy	Because people live on the water they care. Day users do not care. Residential use of an area helps care for state land.
General policy	Should be the same on the Oregon side as Washington side.
General policy	Should not be allowed to live on the water if your structure is not safe for you or your neighbors.
General policy	Issue not the same for SW Washington as Puget Sound: Barges; Liveaboard issue not the same. Sanitation for all.
General policy	Don't take away people's use of the water for residences.
General policy	Commercial users should not be allowed on SOAL i.e.: Hotels, Motels, Condos.
General policy	Any kind of residential can go in Puget Sound but not in the Columbia River.

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General policy	Free enterprise and residential use should be allowed as long as they follow environmental rules.
General policy	The feeling of the people is DNR will say not more residential use on the water.
General policy	Yes to residential use.
General policy	Zoning is a good idea-The Sound is one thing “larger population and improvements.” Our small slough that we live on can’t facilitate the same kind of user.
General policy	Residential use should be allowed and determined by the marina. Re: casinos and hotels—state should determine if the use in the proposed area is ok.
General policy	No difference on the water. They should have zone “factor” multi family, residential sing., commercial. Also should include building codes.
General policy	All types of residential use should be allowed on SOAL with environmental guidelines.
General policy	1. Liveaboards on recreational vessels moored on leased aquatic lands should be permitted, subject to the permission and rules of the lessee
General policy	Ensure that any drafted WAC be fair and nondiscriminatory as applied. For instance, regulation designed to address Puget Sound issue may have unintended effect here in Vancouver. In these cases local rulemaking would be preferred to statewide rules.
General policy	Live aboard vessels / barges shall be considered the same as a houseboat when their primary purpose is residential.
General policy	Ensure that site specific review occur in regards to determinations concerning appropriateness of location.
General policy	Ensure site-specific review of economic effect of proposed rule. DNR cannot generalize regarding effect on small business statewide from a generalized rule is will an as applied, site-specific review.
Grandfathering	1984 vesting. Houseboat located in marina. Does vesting and space of houseboat stay vested.
Grandfathering	Marinas in compliance should be grandfathered, if in compliance with State laws.
Grandfathering	Disparity between people pre ’84 / post ’84

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Grandfathering	1984 vesting—requested clarification about vesting on DNR SOAL (Public Lands)
Grandfathering	Clarify rules on houseboats moving onto DNR land after 1984.
Grandfathering	Make rule: Reconsider all houses on river located prior to 1984 grandfathered.
Grandfathering	Respect grandfathered residential uses.
Grandfathering	The DNR must be responsible for floating homes (grandfathered) pre 1984 so they can not be evicted.
Grandfathering	(All existing) should be grandfathered with the new rules from today on. Not fair to increase our fees without notice.
Grandfathering	Big guys should not crowd out the smaller individual. Grandfathering should occur for smaller residential use. “Existing”
Grandfathering	Houseboats / Boathouses located at existing permitted moorages should be considered as Grand fathered and allowed to continue to exist. No additional DNR regulations now or in the future should be imposed that would limit or restrict their existence.
Grandfathering	Existing residential uses should be grand fathered and preferred over new uses.
Houseboats	Leave houseboats on public lands (Caterpillar Island)
Houseboats	Difficult moving houseboats: no place to go, disrupting lives
Houseboats	Encourage improvement and replacement of houseboats: sewage, remodeling
Houseboats	Houses moving from Oregon to Washington: less regulations the better.
Houseboats	Houseboat definitions. Registration-- distinction between: Houseboat; floating structure.
Houseboats	Maintain houseboat marinas but restrict expansion to control overuse
Houseboats	Affirmative statement that Houseboats / Boathouses located at existing permitted moorages is an acceptable and permitted use.

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Jurisdiction / other agencies	Leasing land from Fish and Wildlife.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	If it ain't broke, don't fix it. If you are in compliance with local standards, then the State shouldn't impose additional standards.
Leasing requirements	Stream line reg/prop. authorization process for SOALs.
Leasing requirements	Public will need to face zoning because of growth. People need to face regulatory and zoning. "These are the things you will have to do to live there" should be said to the potential lessee.
Leasing requirements	Required to acquire lease: physical access, electricity, navigability, permits for moorage, accountability, known location, monitoring
Leasing requirements	Own moorage...difficult to figure out requirements of lease.
Leasing requirements	30-year leases. 12 years too short.
Leasing requirements	Lease terms too short...difficult to make financial investment
Leasing requirements	Not duplicate general regulations in individual leases.
Leasing requirements	Work with individual moorage owners. Individual rules not State rules.
Leasing requirements	Regulations should be covered in lease.
Leasing requirements	One governing body to dictate liveaboard issues on the Columbia, one set of rules.
Leasing requirements	Create marina specific codes/rules.
Marinas	Not all Marinas are the same... different rules should apply.
Marinas	Marina owner: Living on eggshells when lease comes due—will it be renewed. Should have the chance to make improvements.
Marinas	Deal with the marinas not individual homes.
Navigation	Navigation is not an issue in southwest Washington—Columbia River

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Non-residential uses	Provide parking on upland sites—don't overflow into marina parking.
Non-residential uses	Outlaw jet skis on the river. No Sea-doo's.
Noxious weeds	Weed control: Who's required to control? Duckweed.
Noxious weeds	Noxious weeds—is an issue in southwest Washington.
Number of residential uses	Ratio established by the number of houseboats to the number of slips.
Number of residential uses	Density of 10%. Anything a Marina wants to put in and is "acceptable" should be allowed.
Number of residential uses	Don't see necessity to limit percent or number of residential uses in a marina.
Number of residential uses	Columbia River residential use should be limited to size of the river or slough.
Number of residential uses	The density or number of residential uses should be grand fathered.
Other	How can liveaboards invest in their structures if they do not know the future of their home.
Other	Should the state of Washington register floating structures – Pay taxes on structure (like Oregon)?
Other	License on all floating structures (like Oregon).
Other	Important to address what's going on.
Other	Clarify answers to what are the questions.
Other	Don't overlook opportunities limited to size.
Other	[?] areas, buoy systems, no address impacts to shellfish beds
Other	What is Doug S.

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Ownership	Difficult to determine ownership and regulations that apply to ownership.
Public use and access	Public use and access for non-residential users.. What is DNR's policy for or against public use according to Race, Color, Creed, Religion.
Public use and access	Support rent reduction for public access with marinas.
Public use and access	Public use and access: Cannot allow open use by public on leased property –liability too high
Public use and access	Residential use helps DNR keep public use available to all.
Public use and access	Where the residents are allowed should not be considered public use. The public fishing on resident's dock. No public use in/on resident's leased area.
Rent	Rents should be looked upon evenly. Fairness; shouldn't be a hardship.
Rent	Standards for rent. Based on sq. ft. not liner feet. Rule should address how many sq. ft. of leased area.
Rent	Don't raise rent.
Rent	Rents should not be raised.
Rent	Good idea: Deducted from lease—hourly rate.
Rent	No open-ended ability for marinas to raise slip fees.
Rent	Economic impact should be locally focused—individualized on water body.
Rent	Never an affordable place to live. Because of rent for aquatic land and marina rent.
Rent	“Boat tender” – used to support a liveaboard vessel. Should be allowed and included in the prices.
Rent	Marina owners should not be allowed to raise lease rents to slip renters.
Sewage	State needs to put pumping stations on state property that is state owned and operated.

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Sewage	Pump out stations should be addressed for all vessels.
Sewage	If we are required to put in a sewage system we should be able to allow any number of houseboats to recoup cost.
Sewage	Incinerating disposal system on boats ... they work.
Sewage	Any permanent moorage should be required to be hooked up to an approved disposal system. Upland disposal system required.
Sewage	Need to have access to SOAL to locate a sewage system. (Caterpillar Island)
Sewage	Sewage approved by Health Department. Required to acquire lease.
Sewage	Houseboats: Holding tank on vessel. Monitoring to verify compliance.
Sewage	Liveaboard: Regular scheduled pump-out. Proof of pump-out.
Sewage	2. Standards: Vessels should have holding tanks for human waste and be able to prove that such waste is not discharged into other than an approved "pump out" facility (verification that a pump out is used or the system is sealed and a approved bathroom is available for their use) or have a system approved for overboard discharge by the Coast Guard
Tradition / history	Tradition of houseboat owners in Puget Sound; would like to see continue.
Tradition / history	Vancouver (Caterpillar Marina): Analysis of historic use compared to prior use. Management should be supported.
Tradition / history	Tradition of houseboat and moorage owners in Clark County that is slowly becoming extinct.
Tradition / history	Liveaboards are an accepted fact in all ports of the world.
Tradition / history	Most important issue: Grandfathering; current grandfathering; respect the way of life and lifestyle; license houseboats to allow rebuilding.
Tradition / history	Support all residential use. Don't change something that has been allowed for a long time.
Tradition / history	Important to me to be able to pass onto my children the legacy that my family has worked so hard for 4 over 35 years. We are the oldest

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	continuous leesees from DNR in SW Washington.
Utilities	Residential users are responsible for sewage, electrical, insurance liabilities no matter where your Float Home "Residence" is located.
Utilities	Establish a code system (water, sewage, etc.) and if that is followed allow the use.
Utilities	The marina does not have sewage or running water and required tenants a limited stay of 180 days. People need to feel secure in owning a home in a marina to invest and improve.

Comments from Wenatchee workshop

June 7, 2001

Subject	Comment
Compliance / enforcement	Enforce the rules we already have.
Environmental protection	Maintain water quality.
General policy	In favor of people living on the water.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	DOE and DOH should regulate.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Meet Dept. of Health standards.
Other	Unprotected sites eliminate themselves.
Public use and access	Don't limit rec. use.
Sewage	Pumpouts are not maintained.

Comments from Renton workshop

June 12, 2001

Subject	Comment
Anchorage / moorage	WAC says DNR is to be establishing moorage areas for residential use. Why aren't we doing this? Must have rules that will work.
Anchorage / moorage	Anchor outs should be defined as moored for more than 30 days.
Anchorage / moorage	Anchor outs different than liveaboards. Anchor outs should be evaluated differently as to whether to allow or not, and conditions of use.
Anchorage / moorage	Anchor outs should be allowed as long as they have a lease with the state. Anchor outs should be considered a water dependent use.
Compliance / enforcement	How should the appropriate standards be enforced. Use other agencies and marina association to do the enforcement. Make locals responsible for enforcement of environmental codes.
Compliance / enforcement	Lessee is responsible for compliance to standards, not local government or some private partner. Accountability is between DNR and lessee.
Compliance / enforcement	Concern about having "cops" out enforcing definition of vessel and telling owners. How do we address the issue of enforcement?
Definitions	Propose legislation for next year that defines water dependent use and residential use.
Definitions	Have problem with how residential use is defined. DNR lease-"don't allow people to liveaboard," then marina comes up with their own rules on whether you're a liveaboard. (# hours) Better definition? – Not sure. If too difficult to self declare, regs. should not be onerous so that people declare themselves as not liveaboards that already are. Make sure impact on liveaboard too much or else won't "be" any liveaboards.
Definitions	How to distinguish if a boat is a liveaboard? Something in slip says "residential." Boat in marina, then up to marina to define if it's residential or not.
Definitions	Clarify the use of a boat in a marina.
Definitions	Definition of residential use is needed. Once defined, determine who is and who isn't.

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Definitions	Definition of vessel should be very broad. Capable of self propulsion should be a vessel.
Definitions	What is definition of residential use? Definition of liveaboard?
Definitions	Define between the terms house boat, floating home, vessel, etc. so the DOE/DNR/Other government rules are consistent.
Definitions	Floating homes with sewer is done-it's in the law. Boat and barge are water dependent. Forget that you live on it. Why does # of hours you spend on the boat changes its use? Shouldn't be important.
Definitions	Understand that we're here to clarify rules under Aquatic Lands Act. Hereto define residential uses under that Act.
Definitions	Vessel itself-boat is water dependent, living on the boat has to be added to the "such as" in the rules.
Definitions	Liveaboards would best be defined as water dependent.
Definitions	Anything over 2 weeks per month is a liveaboard. Motel law is 30 days or become resident.
Density	Set up guidelines on moorage percentages. Vessels should be operated legally-already rules in place for that.
Density	Would rather help local governments decide what percentage is. Don't do statewide determinations.
Density	Different marinas can support a different # of people-marinas should determine % of liveaboards.
Density	Supports DOE's density recommendations. Wants consistency amongst agencies.
Density	Ten % is a good thing for each marina to decide. Like system of tickets for sewage. Can't keep track of weekenders but can with liveaboards.
Density	So many rules/regs. on us now, more rules will complicate things. Let marinas decide what to do with 10% rule. Keep it simple.
Density	Why 10%? How was that determined?
Density	What is probability of developing more moorage in the state? Opinion-pretty slim so question is percentage of existing moorage.
Density	Density of residential use. Minimum-10%; Max-up to local community.

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Density	Why should DNR consider any percent of residential use? Let marinas or local community decide what percent should be.
Density	Don't regulate the percent of use of any definable water borne activity.
Environmental protection	Marina dictates environmental protection measures. Liveaboards can discover pollution early and report but nothing happens. Need standard set of criteria to apply to all marinas that can be enforced by boat knowledgeable DNR people.
Environmental protection	What are appropriate DNR management standards? DNR shouldn't do policing of standards. Make sure standards cover environmental protection as well as management practices.
Environmental protection	Look at existing actions, already laws to govern/regulate certain things. Ex. release of bilge water. Maybe can pay service to pump bilge-already existing rules/strategies to deal with environmental concerns.
Environmental protection	More rules may not net an improvement on aquatic environment.
Environmental protection	The BMP standards need to be applied to liveaboard, and non-liveaboards.
Environmental protection	DNR sets up monitoring system for pollutants.
General policy	DNR is not owner of entire marina-can write reg. to follow marina owners practices on private land. Want marina owners focusing on env. concerns. Dock maintenance "Manage your private lands like the DNR lands subject to existing env. laws." Rule should be written this way.
General policy	Need to decide what state policies are to better our environment. Should be addressed as to the best use of our water. Don't think fostering liveaboard use is best use of aquatic resources.
General policy	Other boats should also be recognized as water dependent by legislature.
General policy	DNR phrases question that pre-supposes that kinds of residential uses should be regulated.
General policy	Do the rules and regulations for everybody. Good liveaboards are great. Register boat-anyone-get rules and follow rules
General policy	Same rules and same regs. for all boat owners.
General policy	Need regulations because we have regs. now that we have to follow. Landlords have to impose restrictions on bad behaviors. Should meet with everyone and make everyone comfortable with rules.

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General policy	Rules are good for everyone-benefit all boaters.
General policy	No government should regulate how long I can physically occupy what I own. Should regulate noise, waste removal, etc.
General policy	Boats probably most regulated thing in world-don't want DNR duplicating existing laws. Why can't we streamline?
General policy	DNR code should maybe follow other, existing rules.
General policy	Write the regulation so that lease is subject only to existing laws/regulations. Don't let manager in the middle make unique decisions.
General policy	DNR should make sure the use is not detrimental to the land. They have a stewardship role.
General policy	Have a problem if rule says can't liveaboard because we don't support that lifestyle. That's not a good reason to prohibit it.
General policy	Residential uses are: already regulated so we may as well keep regulated.
General policy	Biggest issue is with boats that are obviously boats and the living on the boats-issue is about where we live. Can't afford to live in the city/on the land anymore.
General policy	Should be allowed to live on boats.
General policy	Question is "should it be regulated at all." Why does state care what kinds of residential uses are allowed? Question is should kind of res. use regulated?
General policy	Problem I have: If have a legally-operated vessel, run into difficulty to write other rules that say what is a legally-operated vessel.
General policy	Might have more than one standard because DNR rules don't apply to private lands.
General policy	Should the state be in business of telling people how to live on the water? No.
General policy	Lease is telling marina owner how to collect their money-state regulating outside of their jurisdiction.
General policy	Basic question should be rewritten because existing rule allows all uses.

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General policy	Boaters glad liveaboards are there. Feeling liveaboards are a problem. Rules need to acknowledge positive effect of having liveaboards.
General policy	What is formula DNR uses to determine foot print? Need some guidelines for doing measurements. May not need at all if all residential use is made water dependent.
General policy	Should have responsible owners/lessees that follow best management practices such as: pump out, insurance, rules at marina posted. As defined by marina operators.
General policy	Not a question if it is a vessel or not. Its whether the use is acceptable or not. Want to have a fair amount of local control of what is acceptable or not.
General policy	There are a number of regulations that are outside the purview of the DNR such as residency requirements, parking etc. that should not be addressed by the DNR.
General policy	Only allow residential use when people have valid leases.
General policy	Residential uses should be allowed at appropriately designated marinas taking into consideration life safety, environment safety, appropriate zoning and development regulations without penalty to the marina's water dependent status.
General policy	Residential use as a vessel as defined by USCG should be an allowed use on SOAL in a marina or an appropriate area defined by DNR.
General policy	Marina owner concerns that 80% water dependent rate will change if residential use occurs. Residential use should be water dependent use.
General policy	Rules confirm that residential use is an allowed use on SOAL. Might be zoning, environmental regulations that overlay that allowed use.
General policy	All liveaboards should follow same set of rules.
General policy	Don't believe that living on a boat is water dependent. Historically, not a wide-spread practice to live on boats, but has been history of houseboats.
Grandfathering	Policy comment. If we accept the grandfathering based on historical use, doesn't mean that other uses have to be grandfathered.
Grandfathering	Question about what res. use allowed and water-oriented uses are grandfathered? What will happen with people that are grandfathered.
Grandfathering	Are we changing regulations for boats that are grandfathered?

Subject	Comment
Housebarges	What constitutes a barge? Already have BMPs. Caught between existing/conflicting laws-city, state, etc.
Houseboats	Floating home is not capable of propulsion and is permanently moored.
Houseboats	Is there question about whether Houseboats are water-oriented?
Houseboats	Houseboats mentioned in legislature because of their history in the NW.
Houseboats	Seattle seems to have a special issue with if liveboard owners are like houseboat owners. Clearly not.
Houseboats	Houseboats have a special kind of craft, environment and use.
Houseboats	Houseboats recognized because of place in NW history.
Houseboats	Houseboats ok? Don't know but at least they're supposed to have sanitation systems, etc.
Houseboats	Picking fight between houseboats and other boats not constructive because houseboats already written in the law.
Houseboats	Thought there was a state reg. that said houseboats restricted in Columbia River and Vancouver. Houseboat community thinks there's a restriction.
Houseboats	Houseboats seem like landfill—can't even see the water.
Houseboats	Concerned that Houseboats are favored to the detriment of liveboards.
Houseboats	Houseboats and liveboards should be treated equally.
Houseboats	Don't care if liveboards or houseboats here first-we should work together.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Rules need flexibility based on community situation rather than blanket rule statewide. Community needs input on the rules that affect them.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Like the local people making these decisions, but there should be uniformity in rules that apply in all counties.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Local governments should have ability to do their own zoning or areas for liveboards. Then up to marina operator to manage.

Subject	Comment
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Defer to the Coast Guard for whether a vessel is a vessel or not.
Leasing requirements	Change from 30 year leases to 6 months as a trial basis.
Marina	Does these apply only to state portion of marina? Could have 2 standards-what's done on private part of marina and on state part.
Marinas	Why should there be different rules for private parts vs. public parts of marinas? There shouldn't be.
Marinas	Define results DNR wants and let marina operators implement.
Marinas	Go lightly in adopting management standards as marinas have site specific standards that may not apply broadly. Don't overlay another set of specific standards on marinas.
Other	Concerned that special interests-including DNR-is excluding others. Agenda of past mgmt. has not left the scene yet.
Other	Residential use should address whether its only for private use vs. apartment type arrangement.
Other	Landlord tenancy rules need to addressed when developing residential use rules.
Other	Glad I got in a year ago-now feel protective of other people.
Other	Are you asking group to make recommendations on what is a legally operated boat?
Other	First line of defense in case of fire. Good compromises here.
Other	Would like to see more grassroots efforts-can't operate under different yardsticks.
Other	Pandora's box if we start to define terms too specifically.
Public use and access	Access issues to reach DNR lease area. Need to make sure can reach lease area.
Rent	Liveaboards should get a discount on their rent because of the service they provide.
Sewage	Conflict between DOE WAC that requires hard plumbing for residential use in marinas

Subject	Comment
Sewage	Concerned about sewage—have records with pump-out stations. That’s a regulation that can be addressed separately.
Sewage	Sanitation is well cared for whether you live on boat or spend less time. Have to go to pump stations or have it pumped out.
Sewage	Many liveaboards move boats, so have less environmental impact in one place. Boats different from houseboats-deal with sewage, etc. differently.
Tradition / history	Living aboard goes back a good deal further than houseboats. In PNW and Europe (hundreds of years). If we are regulating liveaboards because of impact on aquatic lands, then we have to regulate all boats. Move out all boats if move out liveaboards. Liveaboards report diesel spills, sewage spills, trash in marina.
Tradition / history	City of Seattle started because of boats. There is an important history of boat use in Seattle. W. WA would not be what it is without ancient mariners and industry they built. Should be in rule.
Tradition / history	Taking up space in water whether we use the boat or not. Historic precedence should be written into rule.
Tradition / history	There is a liveaboard historic context in this area. They have been quiet in the past. Liveboarding is a lifestyle choice.

Comments from Bremerton workshop

June 14, 2001

Subject	Comment
Aesthetics	Eye sore boats. Go to Leg. and have them insert 3 words into RCW concerning abandoned cars “and abandoned boats”
Aesthetics	Define aesthetics through seaworthiness definitions, stuff stack on deck is not seaworthy
Aesthetics	Aesthetics very difficult to define.
Anchorage / moorage	There are public rights on tidelands. No private ownership far enough out to anchor out--would be public.
Anchorage / moorage	Eagle H. is navigable. Shouldn’t have permanent anchorage is navigable waters.
Anchorage / moorage	Anchored out should be okay, as long as it’s temporary, not permanent. Shouldn’t be allowed to live permanently in middle in Bay.

Subject	Comment
Anchorage / moorage	Grandfather in the anchored out liveaboards that are there now and have been for a long time.
Anchorage / moorage	Get anchor outs aware of space-it's public.
Anchorage / moorage	Federal government allow anchoring anywhere in Puget Sound. Should move every 60 days.
Anchorage / moorage	Anchored boats and boats on mooring balls should be allowed
Anchorage / moorage	Moored and anchored boats should be under same BMPs as marina users.
Anchorage / moorage	Anchor outs are not required to come under lease or pay money to state.
Anchorage / moorage	No lease on anchors and buoys
Anchorage / moorage	Anchor outs should have boat that is navigable/seaworthy.
Compliance / enforcement	What will environmental impact statement say. Liveaboards don't need lots of regulation. It should be addressed, but not micromanaged or explicit. Should be vague and enforced.
Compliance / enforcement	Regulate non-compliant users by pulling leases. Public health concerns.
Compliance / enforcement	Include pay for enforcement.
Compliance / enforcement	How can DNR regulate the living on boats in Puget Sound-very difficult
Compliance / enforcement	Marinas are not responsible for policing.
Compliance / enforcement	DNR needs to enforce-should not be private entity.
Definitions	Thea Foss received an eviction notice by marina owner. Residential use. Impossible to define. What is it? We have a house and a boat we live in. Pay taxes. Res. uses compared to what?
Definitions	Resident of what? Washington State? Or temporary? What constitutes liveaboard. Don't be too restrictive.
Definitions	Definitions for liveaboards should be jurisdictional not a statewide definition.

Subject	Comment
Definitions	Confusion—What makes a boat a resident?
Definitions	Definition of vessels: State license federally licensed. Water dependent use.
Definitions	Definition of use... if they are located on water they should be allowed use on public lands.
Definitions	Define categories—1)Live in marina 2) Leasing tax 3) Not in waterways 4) Licensed as a boat by the state
Definitions	Definition separation between: houseboat; barge; boat; location
Definitions	Definition. All boats are designed to house people therefore...should be liveaboard
Definitions	Need definitions for type of boats, and location. Creating distinction.
Definitions	Definition: factor should consider how many we are dealing with (liveaboards). 700-Lake Union. 218-Kitsap County
Definitions	Find definition of liveaboard because other concerns are covered by other laws.
Definitions	Definition...keep it as simple as possible
Definitions	Definition: Definitions should be consistent. Should not consider how the boat is being occupied.
Definitions	There needs to be a definition between houseboats and motorized boats.
Definitions	Define based on: Meet regulations; seaworthiness; Marina BMPs
Definitions	Look at WACs to get definition term “liveaboard” used loosely.
Definitions	People should only have one residence to qualify as a...water dependent use.
Definitions	Hotel/Motel—After 30 days you’re considered a residence.
Definitions	Houseboats: stationary not allowed to move. Liveaboards: motorized and sail

Subject	Comment
Definitions	Distinction between liveaboards and people who live on boats as low cost housing. Vessels should be navigable. Question should be looked at. Distinction between navigable boats and non-navigable boats.
Definitions	Can you establish residency legitimately on a boat-vote, etc. There are methods to do so.
Definitions	Simple definition: If you are living on a boat it's a liveaboard. Appropriate locations: Discern land use activities-are they compatible, determined through zoning. Is fire protection available.
Definitions	Water-dependent for liveaboards
Definitions	Require degree of seaworthiness e.g. Boat and Yacht Council; Coast Guard
Definitions	Require operable conditions within a certain time frame.
Definitions	Exceptions to operable conditions based on repair needs.
Definitions	Length of time-30 days in Poulsbo
Density	Most marinas already have a limit. Not an issue. It's self-regulating. Liveaboard anchored is declining—don't need a restriction.
Density	Not everybody can be a liveaboard. Self limiting environment!
Density	No limitations on numbers of liveaboards in marinas.
Density	10-20% liveaboard ratio mandated in marinas.
Density	No different expansion allowance for ports vs. private
Density	Do not set a limit--up to marina operation.
Density	Allow expansion across the board, not just in some areas.
Density	10-20% as a minimum.
Derelict vessels	Derelict vessels—have mechanism for disposal. Require Coast Guard stickers.

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Derelict vessels	Ex. car on city street—impounded. Do same for boats?
Derelict vessels	Put this in lease: Helpful to require that boats are seaworthy, ex. post a bond to represent salvage value or pass annual survey (boat)
Derelict vessels	Marinas has no method to get rid of derelict vessels.
Derelict vessels	Problem is derelict vessels: how to rid of them? State should assist.
Derelict vessels	Most derelict boats in marinas are not occupied. Liveaboards are usually in better shape because we live on them...our homes.
Derelict vessels	Derelict vessels need to be dealt with.
Derelict vessels	Make fine steep for abandoned/sunk vessels.
Derelict vessels	Distinguish abandoned vs. under construction
Environmental protection	ESA and regulation: creates a crunch on moorage space.
Environmental protection	Standards already defined-no EIS needed
Environmental protection	DNR has to follow ESA laws.
Environmental protection	The problem: people feel under attack. Problem: Environmental impacts of residential use. Ex. sewage. DNR says should be solved, but not how. Don't micromanage.
Environmental protection	Hard to understand-with all sources of pollution caused by boats why target liveaboards?
Environmental protection	If no environmental issues, should be allowed.
Environmental protection	Boating is only one component that can contaminate shellfish beds.
Environmental protection	No shade issues—not a concern
General policy	Big difference between marina owner and an anchor out liveaboard. Anchored out isn't leasing to make a profit. Keep in mind.

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General policy	Leaseholder has to do the enforcing. No difference between residential use and long term anchorage. DNR should address boats at anchor whether they are liveaboards or not. Charge market rate. Let someone else decide low rent issues.
General policy	Liveaboard vs. moored doesn't affect DNR sq ft. Footprint is the same. Use is not DNR
General policy	Not sure about new one. It's historical. Getting rid of them isn't a good idea. There should be a limited number similar to marinas. Regulate sewage.
General policy	Recognize non-upland landowners want leases. Make getting a lease simple, timely.
General policy	Regs. on liveaboard should be enforceable. Should be standards governing liveaboards. This is municipal.
General policy	Put in regs. a methodology to apply for variances. Mechanism for variance.
General policy	If government regulates...put in variances. Don't chisel in stone.
General policy	Light touch. Local control
General policy	Local government should solve issues. Not DNR. Broad guidelines: safety, environmental, should be public safety component and environmental but not too specific.
General policy	A public agency shouldn't be lessee or lessor. The government shouldn't be the landlord.
General policy	A boat w/ a 6ft keel can't be on land. It is water dependent.
General policy	We want floating residential use to be water dependent.
General policy	Situations vary locally so DNR should provide guidelines. Light touch from DNR. Make it water dependent.
General policy	DNR should create a guideline—not address every issue individually. Solve problems.
General policy	Does water dependent provide some kind of exemption to ESA.
General policy	Rules-problem should be solved. But let free enterprise implement.

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General policy	Don't just look at liveaboards as problem. Already discriminated against. Many others stay overnight on boats/transient moorage equals way more sewage than liveaboards. Make that clear. Address all boaters- globally.
General policy	Build on existing regulations.
General policy	Boat is a boat is a boat. Should be safe: Illegal to dump sewage; fire protection on board; DNR should not be in the business to determine if it is a residence.
General policy	People should have to get a license to be a liveaboard. Provide education. Like food service license.
General policy	Traditionally on water should be water dependent use.
General policy	Rules required for equity, nondiscrimination by private entities using SOAL.
General policy	No space limitations, just pay based on area used.
General policy	Shouldn't be restricted in marinas. Marinas vs. anchored out liveaboards. Liveaboards/houseboats living is old. Historically attached to shore. Should be in structured anchorage not in anchored moorage. Should be in marinas to shore.
General policy	Lobbist. Crunch on space in marinas...working boat vs. living on vessels. Origin or laws
General policy	Keep it light and simple. ex. do we have annual house inspections?
General policy	Advice: Boats are very litigious. Address property issue. Water is public boat is private.
General policy	Who cares what label is. Why make a big deal out of it? Keep what you do very light. Be careful with labels. Need regulation, but keep it light. Keep it simple. Living on boat is pure magic. Should be kept open for future generations.
General policy	Some people anchor temporarily. Tourists come and go—living on boats. Some live permanently.
General policy	Most people living on boats tend to take care of them.
General policy	Liveaboards should be unrestricted (SMA percentage). That is my home. If you take my home, I should be reimbursed by the government.

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General policy	Problems are most likely on non liveboards.
General policy	Living on a boat is a fragile environment. Have vested interest to make it work.
General policy	Not banning; a matter of organization and common sense re: types allowed
General policy	Distinction...separate boaters from those living at Eagle Harbor
General policy	What is safe for residences—how is that different for boats.
General policy	Upland vs. water dependent. Cultural impact analysis should be done. Who has the biggest impact to the resource.
General policy	Liveboards as a way of “watching” over state aquatic lands
General policy	If meets all BMPs, length of time does not matter
General policy	Do not specify in rule how many, lengths, etc.
Grandfathering	Grandfathered...a cap should be established.
Grandfathering	Those houseboats post-1984 in trespass would not be grandfathered in.
House boat	Definition of houseboat—what is it...Barges? No utilities? Permanently anchored.
Houseboats	If houseboats are in areas without eelgrass and without migration issues, they should stay.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Anyone who leases DNR land also has to abide by City and County rules and zoning codes.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Already have rules from Corps and Coast Guard. Don’t need more rules.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	DNR should have a provision/facility to say where it goes but let local government implement/make decisions.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Rather not have DNR regulate this too much. Should be locally regulated.

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Jurisdiction / other agencies	DNR rules and laws do not necessarily overrule local laws. Landowner must follow both local and DNR regulations and rules.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Would not want to consider...local government controlling liveaboards. Politics change.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	See it, then report to appropriate agency.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Residency on aquatic lands should be allow where appropriate, as determined by local government.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Eagle Harbor. Want rules to allow local governments the ability to assume management responsibility. In order to preserve liveaboards and other uses.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	List of responsible agencies
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Eagle Harbor—Liveaboards are residents of the community. The city is trying to work w/DNR to regulate activity to assure protection of resource
Marina	If marina paying a lease they should be able to allow any uses they want to be responsible for.
Marinas	Concern with uses that are not in marinas.
Marinas	Discussion of bill 2024-Marinas are losing their water dependency status because of liveaboards.
Navigation	Channel should be open. Not in middle of harbor, but deep enough to be ok (safe)
Non-residential uses	Don't rent private leases to industrial next to residential. Keep separate.
Other	If a cost is incurred by DNR rules, will marinas be compensated. Incentive--state—or grant subsidy to aid in carrying out rules/laws?
Other	Who takes liability of DNR land that is leased?
Other	If you rent property you have same rights as ownership.
Other	Personal exp: Bainbridge-would have to lease \$1200-1400/yr to liveaboard. But people choose to live simply. A lot of money. Standards: Talk to people who are there.

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Other	Bainbridge? Wants to turn harbor into a cash cow. Listen to people who have lived aboard.
Other	We have paid lots of taxes through boating/ers. So we feel persecuted. We pay for privilege of liveaboards and being targets.
Other	People living in marinas are paying taxes unlike those anchored in harbor (i.e. Eagle Harbor)
Other	Objective rule-making process
Other	Use existing info./knowledge
Other	Public involvement re: SOAL decisions
Other	Floating homes association—lobbyist in orange group
Other	Residential: Scope related to boats. Not liveaboards.
Other	Issue before legislature-- Working vessels vs. those living on the water in marinas. Before 1984
Other	Anti-discrimination against liveaboards.
Other	Do not discriminate based on lifestyle
Other	DNR involved 50 feet offshore.
Public use and access	Liveaboards do not obstruct public access. Pub. Acc. is not a liveboard issues. Marina gates locked either way.
Public use and access	Public land—people should have access, but if we rent the land then there shouldn't be public access.
Public use and access	Any res. use is ok if does not impede public use.
Rent	Rent-only using 200 ft ² (rent space) water. Don't raise rents. DNR shouldn't regulate to the point marinas have to raise rent.
Rent	If rents raised—liveaboards can't be used to fulfill GMA low rents housing.

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Rent	Solution: DNR needs \$25. Liveaboards should come in at specified times, pay \$, and sign form that they are complying with health concerns
Rent	Rates should only be different if DNR management requirements (provides services) are different
Rent	Equity in rents private vs. ports.
Rent	Private vs. port rents
Rent	Rates driven by area, not on use on board.
Rent	Rates same for moored boats and those lived on.
Rent	Charge for exact area used by vessel--overall length and width.
Sewage	Regulations shouldn't be too specific. Ex: pump out stations.
Sewage	Make \$ available to marinas for pumpouts and oil disposal. 24-7 liveaboard
Sewage	Require sewage disposal but don't specify how it's done.
Sewage	More sewage from shorelines than from liveaboards. Marinas have pumpouts. Sewage not a huge problem.
Sewage	There are services that come pump out boats. Timely service by free enterprise. Ex. In Olympia Swantown
Sewage	Placards on board to say what can/cannot do with regards to sewage.
Sewage	All boaters should be dealing w/ sewage by Coast Guard rules.
Sewage	Concerns WAC 332-31-39 required upland sewage disposal for all liveaboards. Address this.
Sewage	How do we (DNR) determine if people are using pumpouts.
Sewage	09/21/99 Sun Times. Two municipal sewer spills how does that relate to liveaboards.

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Sewage	Need shore side facilities. Should be provided to liveaboards.
Sewage	Alternatives for sewage: upland; pump-out tug; on-board treatment.
Sewage	Seal to prevent overboard pumping as a BMP
Sewage	All lessees should have same requirements for sewage

Comments from Mt. Vernon workshop
June 20, 2001

Subject	Comment
Compliance/enforcement	Need tools to enforce the laws that are not in place
Definition	Is a crew person on a yacht a liveaboard? Should it be allowed?
Definitions	“Define Residential Use”
Definitions	Boat defin. As a boat that can be underway and has bow and stern.
Definitions	What makes a liveaboard Defin.
Definitions	Define what the definition of liveaboard is, ie
Definitions	Liveaboards as defin as someone who lives on the boat 2 weeks out of 4
Definitions	Define liveaboards and move on!
Density	Property owner has right to regulate the number of liveaboards as long as the facilities are available.
Density	DNR should not impose any percentages of residential use on leased area.

Subject	Comment
Density	No 10% for small marinas.
Density	Small marinas should have equal rights to set restrictions on percents of liveaboards
Density	Needs to set limits now re: population. The amount of liveaboards is going to need some control re: the envir.
Density	If you do provide for percentages then foster non-exclusive uses.
Density	Marina can determine the percentage of liveaboards.
Density	There should be percentages set by marinas to number of liveaboards on DNR leases.
Density	Lease language on DNR percentage to be negotiated-not strictly limited.
Environmental protection	Laws on the books already that regulates the envir. concerns.
Environmental protection	Issue on environmental impacts with outfalls
Environmental protection	Need to preserve the quality of the water and encompass weekenders and liveaboard the same.
Environmental protection	DNR needs to require that people using DNR land has some envir. limits
Environmental protection	DNR to establish environmental quality controls by using BMP standards
Environmental protection	DNR leases already have environmental lang. which requires compliance w/envir. laws.
Environmental protection	Include weekend boaters and liveaboard so they all do not poll.
General policy	Change wording on WAC 115 Delete not permitted to new residential uses will be permitted with DNR staff input.
General policy	Need to write a regulation/rule that liveaboards should be able to live on their vessels over SOAL.
General policy	Delete the reference to existing residential use may be asked to yield...in WAC 332-30-115.

Subject	Comment
General policy	Say liveaboards are water dep.
General policy	Guidelines should not displace the things you prefer to see on the water.
General policy	Create a real sense of guidelines on types of residential uses.
General policy	Identify the owner of the vessel living in a marina as a water-dep. use
General policy	Liveaboard on a vessel in a controlled area (marina) and identify as a water dependent use
General policy	Storing boat, living on boat need to be maintained minimum standards.
General policy	Are liveaboards liveaboards where ever their vessel is?
General policy	DNR interface with DOE
General policy	Assure that liveaboards are not kicked out of their liveaboard home.
General policy	Identify different ways people live on or over DNR property.
General policy	Residents—Live in sailboats to non-propelled vessels where do you draw the line?
General policy	Want res. uses in harbor areas.
General policy	Res. uses in harbor area for safety
Houseboats	Houseboat defin. as something you can move on to the land and live in.
Marinas	Have a dedicated liveaboard marina.
Marinas	Liveaboards should be permitted in marinas.
Marinas	Supports liveaboards in marinas for safety reasons

Subject	Comment
Marinas	Support liveaboards in marinas for safety.
Other	Practical use for residences over water on second story.
Other	Residential use on second story of structures that are over water.
Other	Support allowing daily rental of liveboard residence.
Other	Should not rent out boats to be used for resid. use.
Other	With historical district 4 th class towns should allow residential use
Public use and access	Encourage incentives for public access on all marinas and docks.
Sewage	Test marinas for fecal chloraform.
Sewage	Head provide w/seal to prevent illegal dumping.
Sewage	Anything that is floating is ok, as long as the waste is contained.
Tradition / history	DNR should not limit historic residential use.

Comments from Friday Harbor workshop

June 26, 2001

Subject	Comment
Anchorage / moorage	People who want to anchor out should be allowed. If they are just being anchored, are pumping out, not creating any problems or hazards—should be allowed.
Anchorage / moorage	What DNR needs to do is work on anchoring and mooring that falls outside existing rules-follow the Coast Guards regulations.
Anchorage / moorage	Would like to see more stringent rules for folks anchored outside marinas.

Subject	Comment
Anchorage / moorage	If we legally collected for all moored vessels, we'd have money (\$200myear) to manage.
Anchorage / moorage	Buoys-permits should have rules to ensure buoy boats are good tenants-but they haven't applied for the permits.
Anchorage / moorage	Do we want to limit the number of boats that can anchor in a bay?
Anchorage / moorage	Buoys should be under DNR lease.
Compliance / enforcement	If there is a boat on DNR land violating state law-the Sheriff can arrest for this (like uplands). Why not a \$200/yr or \$100/yr sticker to allow folks to "park" on state lands and use money for enforcement for local deputies.
Compliance / enforcement	Should issue permits and finding someone with teeth to enforce them. No one wants to deal with.
Compliance / enforcement	DNR has been irresponsible at enforcement.
Definitions	Any vessel that is occupied to any extent is a residential use-i.e., large private vessels. Residential use any vessel occupied by human use for a specified period of time.
Definitions	Don't create a dfn that restricts people who come to a destination recreation area.
Definitions	Vessels do not need to be self propelled to be a liveaboard.
Definitions	Must be navigable vessel holding tank-and be currently registered.
Density	Limit number of liveaboards in marinas. DNR's existing contract language well covers issues now.
Density	Is there or should there be an upper limit to number of liveaboards in marinas? How many liveaboards is appropriate for each bay?
Density	Limit the number of DNR leases to carrying capacity of marinas/bay. Criteria: leave navigation routes.
Derelict vessels	Why isn't monitored? Boats sink and float up on my beach-somebody needs to be in charge.
Environmental protection	Important—can't discharge/pollute- must prove that are meeting environmental standards. Rules should state that you can do anything in terms of residential use unless there are a negative impact.

Subject	Comment
Environmental protection	If living on boat or just cruising- garbage overboard and discharge of sewage still illegal.
Environmental protection	DNR contracts need to reference existing laws-not add to them. Protection is already provided-Does DNR need to extend or modify this rule
Environmental protection	We can agree on BMPs for liveaboards-we should have BMPs to ensure good mgmt. of state aquatic lands. We should bring people into the process to educate them on the BMPs.
Garbage	Could prohibit “untasteful things.” Throwing batteries and cans and bottles and diapers overboard. One person like this can destroy a lot of area.
Garbage	If people are living aboard vessels and throwing trash overboard and it washes up on beaches, state should give Co. authority to deal with it. Should be agency cooperation to stop littering.
General policy	Difficult to control anchored out—It is difficult to know if they are in compliance--Need to establish standards—Living on boats-numbers are increasing—so need _____ standards
General policy	Economic issues—People need to be treated the same-whether you anchor out/marina. New rule should be treated equally-both have to be in compliance with regulations.
General policy	Stds applied, if any, need to be performance based. Allow adaptation to local conditions/related to density/locally enforced with financial backing.
General policy	Leases are costly-should get a benefit for paying the rent-therefore it should be rule free/min. (minimum) rules—Residential liveaboards should be loosely defined as long as there are no environmental impacts.
General policy	As long as DNR getting money and no ecological conflict, there should not be any distinction.
General policy	If a boat has “clean” alternatives to pumpouts, power, etc., we shouldn’t prevent them-we shouldn’t go to that level of regulation. People have rights to live on their boats as long as they’re not breaking any laws.
General policy	Once you have a marina with a lease and garbage and sewer, etc. don’t see what difference liveaboards would make.
General policy	Need state to do rule making so that these issues don’t continue to arise.
General policy	Should allow people to live aboard vessels that were meant to cruise in local waters.
General policy	County believes that they are being asked to take on another unfounded mandate to manage this type of problem. Would like to see money come from state to do this.

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General policy	Keep new rules brief.
General policy	Only certain places where you can put a marina-floating houses don't encourage water dependent uses (e.g. true vessels). Having access to mainland and services (legally) should be required for liveaboards.
General policy	Different "points" for public lab uses, uses in marinas, etc.
General policy	Listen to a lot of people-not just rich people.
General policy	Up to Marina operators.
General policy	These are public lands-what should not be allowed-If it harms, and can't be mitigated –all uses should be allowed unless it substantially harms the public.
General policy	State could use "point system" for new use of DNR aquatic lands. (Similar to system used for open space used by S.J. Co.).
Housebarges	Avoid "rule beaters and barges" where intent is only to live aboard.
Houseboats	Are we talking about boats with means of self-propulsion? Sail boats with liveaboards may be ok. Houseboats maybe should not be allowed in all marinas.
Houseboats	Houseboats should be there under certain rules, ex: holding tanks.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	If given the authority: Ports would put out a certain number of buoys, put out a list of reg's for liveaboards on the buoys, and enforce. If problems arose, ports would use the sheriff to help enforce laws/reg's.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Local entity could place buoys, require septic systems, and other rules to help eliminate current problems.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Local control—a proliferation of free floating homes can cause problems in navigation. Local jurisdictions should have zoning authority for safety issues—i.e. navigation/safety—Extend water use control from land use—use Shorelines Act.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Every registered vessel must comply with Coast Guard rules/federal government. Follow these regulations.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Increase the port managers' ability to enforce compliance. Additional expense is anticipated to enforce for ports/local jurisdictions.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	These issues can be handled better locally-we should come up with ways for local government to enforce these issues, and allow locals to

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	set and collect fees.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Don't let issue of derelict boats sidetrack us-many public ports have exemplary liveaboards "residents." Ports are doing a good job managing these uses-perhaps DNR should rely more on ports and marinas to manage.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Local areas should decide on residential use-local control-not in Olympia-ports/cities etc.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Look at local jurisdiction/ports like Friday Harbor-they have already crafted these rules-to see what they have-it works
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Registered, navigable vessel that regulated by the Coast Guard-why does the state have to be involved?
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Several local jurisdictions setting different rules can be confusing.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Coast Guard will not inspect a moored boat. Is there some way for DNR to transfer power or authority to a local govt. jurisdiction to inspect a vessel. Someone needs to give the Co. power.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Does Coast Guard patrol? Port authority stops at breakwater. Port has asked DNR for some type of authority beyond this.
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Does county have power to enforce (for littering, etc.) in waters?
Jurisdiction / other agencies	Port has encouraged DNR (by showing and explaining to DNR) to turn over local bay management to local entities. Some local entity be given a management agreement for these waters.
Leasing requirements	BMPs, regulations, laws already in place and should be referenced in DNR lease.
Marinas	Boatyard and marina lease includes what floats abv. water in state permit (graywater).
Marinas	If you're at a marina, how one chooses to exist on a boat shouldn't affect DNR and shouldn't be DNR's concerns.
Navigation	Residential uses that should be allowed that are water dependant. Needs to be able to navigate.
Other	A large vessel will have continuous use even though the staff changes—will have impacts.
Other	Eagle Harbor liveaboards are well organized.

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Other	We're always going to have the "bad" people." How to deal with and not adversely impact the law abiding people.
Sewage	Local jurisdictions/sheriff enforce. You can monitor by using a log that is signed—for pump out facilities—can monitor garbage, pump out compliance—there are mechanisms—there is authority in marinas, but not for anchored out.
Sewage	It is difficult to enforce standards—pump out/garbage both anchored out/or at dock. It is difficult to monitor compliance
Sewage	Time to address sewage from vessels. More vessels. Require pumpout and financial support for local pumpout facilities.
Sewage	If allowing liveaboards in areas other than marinas-they should have legal access to shore and services (sewer, water, etc.)
Sewage	Question feasibility of pumpout stations.
Sewage	Pumpout requirements are already in place! State/DNR should not have to reinvent the wheel for marina and Ecology already in place.
Tradition / history	People have been living on non-navigable structures for a long time—Houseboats—It is a way of life—new rule should include these structures.